

## Report of Kirk-Session.

In the month of September Dr. Jenkins intimated to the Kirk-Session that the state of his health was such that his medical advisers had pronounced it to be necessary, that he should seek a change of climate during the coming winter, which implied of necessity an absence from Canada of six or eight months. This announcement having also been made to the Trustees, a joint-meeting of the Kirk-Session and Trustees was held on the 5th of September, when all the circumstances were carefully considered and a general understanding arrived at, the purport of which may be gathered from the following statement made by Dr. Jenkins to the Kirk-Session on the 8th of October following :—

“The Moderator having announced that, in view of the state of his health obliging his temporary absence from Canada, and of the just demands of the Congregation for a more vigorous and sustained ministerial service than he feels himself, in consequence, able to render, he wished the Session to call a congregational meeting for the purpose of asking the congregation to unite with him in applying to the Presbytery for a dissolution of the pastoral tie which has so long and happily existed between the congregation and himself.”

A meeting of the congregation was accordingly held in the School-room of the Church on the evening of October 24th, when Dr. Jenkins made a statement setting forth the circumstances and the preliminary proceedings which had led to the meeting being called. Whereupon the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :—

“That the Congregation of St. Paul's Church receives with unfeigned regret the announcement that owing to failing health, their beloved pastor has signified his intention of applying to the Presbytery for leave to retire from the pastorate of this Church, and from the active duties of the ministry in the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

That convinced that a proposal to provide such assistance to Dr. Jenkins as would have relieved him of a portion of his duties and continued the relationship of pastor and people that has existed so harmoniously and with so much advantage to the Congregation for nearly seventeen years would have involved insurmountable difficulties, and being persuaded, moreover, that Dr. Jenkins is desirous of being relieved from the responsibilities of the pastorate—the onerous duties of which he finds he can no longer discharge with satisfaction to himself—that he believes his retirement at this time will be conducive to the interests of the Congregation ; and that the Kirk-Session and the Board of Trustees, with whom Dr. Jenkins has taken counsel in the matter, have unanimously acquiesced in the proposal ; for these reasons the Congregation resolve to place no obstacle in the way of Dr. Jenkins' retirement, and record their unanimous expression of deep sorrow for the cause which has led Dr. Jenkins to take this step, assuring him of their high appreciation of his eminent gifts and the uniformly faithful and valuable services which he has rendered to this Congregation, to the city of Montreal and to the Church at large. That the Congregation takes this opportunity of expressing